

REMARKS

The Notices of Allowability mailed December 15, 2009, and February 4, 2010, have been received and their contents carefully noted. This response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the first Notice of Allowability and therefore is believed to be timely without extension of time. Filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for Continued Examination*. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on June 12, 2006, and February 1, 2007.

Claims 19, 23, 24, 28 and 45-48 are pending in the present application, of which claims 19 and 24 are independent. The Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 19, 23, 24, 28 and 45-48 (Paper Nos. 20091120 and 20100127). Claim 24 has been amended to better recite the features of the present invention. Specifically, "achromatic" has been changed to "apochromatic," which is supported in the present specification, for example, by paragraph [0061] of the pre-grant publication of the present application, i.e. U.S. Publication No. 2007/0166965. For the reasons of record, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(a), 1.20(b), 1.20(c), and 1.20(d) (except the Issue Fee) which may be required now or hereafter, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2280.

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